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TNA Convention Update

We are deeply saddened by the recent death of member Jack Gregg, PhD. who was a member of not only TNA but also the Dallas Coin Club. Dr. Gregg was to play a key role in TNA's 1992 Convention by serving as the Exhibits Chairman. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the Gregg family

Frank Clark, Governor of District V, has assumed the responsibility of Exhibits Chairman. If you wish to exhibit at our 1992 Convention - and time is short - Frank can be contacted at P.O. Box 117060, Carrollton, TX 75011-7060.

The "official" TNA Convention hotel is:

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Don't forget to visit the educational forums, the exhibits and the "Royal Mint". Check the March issue of the TNA News and elsewhere in this issue for details of these exciting numismatic events.



President's Message

Ray Whyborn

Welcome to the long awaited pre-convention issue of the TNA News. This issue should get you all enthused over our 34th Convention which will be held in Fort Worth in just a few days.

Our hosts for this year's convention are Everett Hull, Chris Keogh and the members of the Fort Worth, Dallas and Garland coin clubs. These folks have toiled all year under rather adverse conditions to put on a great coin show and convention. Please show your support and enthusiasm by attending this convention. The bourse area is always popular, with every conceivable numismatic collectible available at someone's table. Coin dealers from all over the country will be in attendance so surely you can find something for your personal collection. Perhaps you even want to sell or trade some items. Here is where you will find a market.

Two other activities should receive your full and undivided attention as well. The educational seminar has always been well received and is a very important part of our convention. This year's seminar promises to be even better with some outstanding speakers. Who of us cannot learn and appreciate more about this wonderful hobby? The exhibit area will also provide an opportunity to see and learn more about specialized areas of collecting. Many of our junior members will exhibit at this convention, so be sure to look for their displays.

I hope that each of you is as pleased as I to find the TNA News back in your mailbox after a very long absence. Our new editor, Bob Metzger, is doing a fantastic job! He may be inexperienced in

editorial tasks, but he more than makes up for that minor deficiency with ambition, desire, drive, tenacity and downright hard work to develop the very best publication we are capable of producing within our budgetary constraints. I am sure that our Board of Directors will chart a course of publishing frequency at our next Board Meeting that will satisfy the membership and stay within our budget. It's good to be back and I hope that you will say some encouraging words to those that are responsible.



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From the 1st Vice President...

Mac Kennady

Dear fellow members - By now I hope you have received your March issue of our new TNA NEWS. I think it is outstanding! Bob did a simply fantastic job on it and he promises that succeeding issues will be even better. When you see Bob at the Convention I know he would appreciate any words of praise, or constructive criticism, you might have to offer. Something that we do need for our TNA NEWS is articles. There have never really been enough of these. Countless members have commented to me, "Why don't you have more educational articles in the TNA NEWS?" I always ask, "When did you last write one for publication?" Almost without exception, the reply is that he has not done so. How can we possibly have more articles if you don't write one and send it to the Editor? We can't. One of the reasons I often hear is, "I'm not an author." I say that simply is not true. Don't you write letters? How in the world did you get out of school without writing themes, or maybe even a thesis? Have you ever given a program at your local club meeting? Many of us have. Just put your program on paper and send it to the Editor. I can almost guarantee that it will be published and you will get credit for it. You'll have your name in print and you will become eligible for TNA's annual medal award for the best article to be published in a given year. Surely each of us has some specialized numismatic information which we'd like to share with others.

I hope that each of you will find it possible to

attend the 1992 Convention. It promises to be a great one. Everett Hull and Chris Keogh have worked mighty hard to put on a truly fine Convention. Your March 1992 issue of the TNA NEWS has in it a full page giving the details of the Educational Program. You owe it to yourself to attend. You won't be disappointed. I'll be seeing you there.

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A Few Words From the Editor

Bob Metzger

After many months without an issue on TNA News, here's the second issue of 1992 close on the heels of the first. The intent is to get this one into your hands before the TNA 34th Annual Convention in Fort Worth on April 24-26. I'd like to thank everyone who wrote, phoned or otherwise contacted me to express their support and encouragement regarding my premiere editorial effort and I hope that this second issue has reached you in a timely fashion and that the quality of the issue hasn't suffered due to its very short production schedule.

I should mention at this point that the publication date of the next TNA News is uncertain, since the Board of Directors will determine that later this month. The financial condition of the TNA will determine whether the TNA News is published on a monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly or other basis. I strongly urge everyone who can to come to the convention, and take advantage of the opportunities to scour the bourse for treasures, attend educational talks, enjoy numismatic exhibits, meet old and new friends and attend the General Membership Meeting to stay in touch with your Association.

I encourage each and every one of you to consider sending me material for publication in this journal. You don't have to be a nationally known, Numismatic Literary Guild member like Col. Bill Murray, whose article on numismatic books appeared last issue; you don't have to be a high school student like Gabe Proctor, who has shared his impressions of the ANA/PNG Early Spring Convention in this issue. In fact, you probably fall somewhere

in between these two fine gentlemen in terms of years of experience in both collecting and in putting pen to paper. I will gladly edit any submissions, and will phone you to clarify anything that I feel needs clarification.

One other point regarding the TNA News needs to be made here. Since I am employed full time outside of numismatics, I work on the journal in my spare time. It takes two or three evenings or a full weekend day to prepare the final version that goes to the printer, a week at the printer, another couple of evenings or a weekend day for mailing labels to be properly applied and sorted, and anywhere from three to ten days for the issue to navigate the postal system. That's three to four weeks between any changes to the content of an issue and its arrival at your mailbox. My point: get those show notices, club news, etc. to me as early as possible. See you in the mail and in Fort Worth at the convention.

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**We are Privileged
to Announce the Creation of the
Harry W. Bass, Jr. Research Foundation
in Dallas, Texas**

The Harry W. Bass, Jr. Research Foundation was brought into existence in December of 1991. The Foundation is to receive by gift, over the course of the next several years, the numismatic holdings of Mr. Harry W. Bass, Jr. of Dallas, Texas.

The purpose of the Research Foundation is to keep intact in perpetuity these rare and very significant collections of US numismatics to the end that they will be available for purposes of education and research.

The initial gift of over 780 items will be of significant interest to the scholar and student of US numismatics. The presently gifted portions consist of over 250 different specimens of large size US paper currency, together with over 500 United States pattern, experimental and trial pieces.

The currency covers the period from the inception of US currency at the beginning of the Civil War to the time it was withdrawn from circulation during the 1920's. At that time it was replaced by smaller bills.

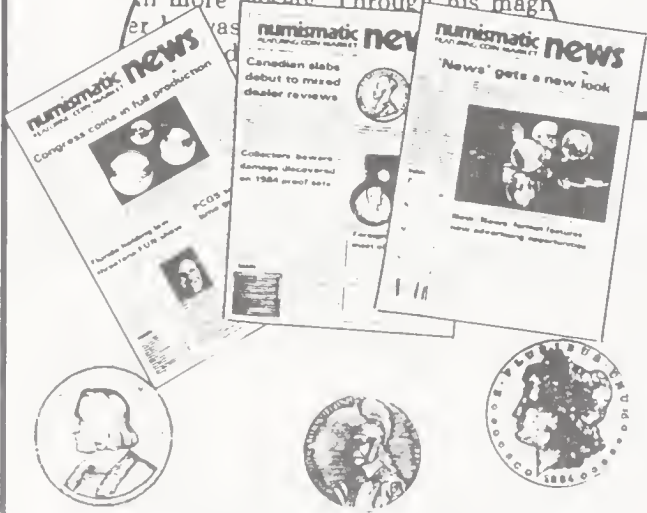
The "Pattern" collection has been assembled over the past 26 years by Mr. Bass and consists of an outstanding representation of this area of numismatics which is so important to the researcher for a full understanding of the evolution of American coinage. Many specimens are quite rare, and all are in exemplary condition.

Mr. Bass anticipates gifting to the Foundation remaining portions of his holdings over the coming years, in particular, his US Gold Coinage and his California Fractional Gold Coinage. The US Gold Coinage is comprehensive, covering as it does specimens of nearly the entire emanation of the Mint from 1795 through 1933 as to denominations, mints, and years of issuance. It is particularly noteworthy in its depth as to die varieties, die states and die mulings, which are critical to studies of production timing, as well as to the identification of counterfeits.

Persons interested in examining portions of the collections in pursuit of their numismatic research endeavors should contact the Foundation office at 8333 Douglas Avenue, Suite 1400, Dallas, Texas 75225 during normal office hours. One may call (214) 696-0584 for more information.

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TNA Convention to have "Royal Mint"

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The "Royal Mint", a private mint designed and operated by Ron Landis, duplicates minting techniques used from the 14th to 17th centuries. Landis, one of the few craftsmen still to do so, hand-engraves the dies used in the minting process using small chisels called gravers. This process involves sculpting the design in reverse directly into a block of steel.

Although no coins will be struck at the show, souvenir cards from hand-engraved plates will be printed on the press included in the mint exhibit. Medallions struck using the mint's 50 ton drop hammer at its permanent location in Plantersville, Texas, will be on sale during the convention.

In addition, an interactive counterfeit currency exhibit will be presented by the Dallas branch of the Federal Reserve Bank. Visitors will be asked to choose which banknotes they believe are genuine by pressing a button on the display; a correct choice will be indicated by a green light and an incorrect choice by a red light.

The TNA encourages all convention attendees to be a part of these very unusual and educational events.



Hobbyist Hibernation in Dallas

by Gabe Proctor, YN

To tell you the truth, I'd never been to a national numismatic convention before this past February; a countless number of shows, but never a national convention. You guessed it, I attended the ANA/PNG Early Spring Convention in Dallas.

When I walked into Dallas Market Hall, where the show was held, I felt something was missing. Not to be alarmed, there was a gigantic bourse floor with a plethora of dealers, and an auction that would probably have pleased even the most finicky collector, but something was still missing. And, yes, there were droves of security guards roaming the aisles and every grading service imaginable, soliciting business; yet, something was still wrong.

Suddenly, as I walked to the back of the auditorium, to the small "Numismatic Theater," to give my speech on the ANA's annual Summer Conference in Colorado, I realized what it was. There was no excitement about the joy of collecting coins. If I'm not mistaken, there's still some fun left in the hobby, right?

Don't get me wrong, I had a great time at the convention, renewing old acquaintances and the like, but it just felt as if a lot of people today only collect coins to make a buck. There are still some out there, though, who love to learn and teach.

It's sad to see what a sour economy can do to one's urge to learn, but the next time you visit a show, see how many people are looking at books for sale or how many dealers are taking the time to teach a beginner, and compare it to what you saw before the recession

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There needs to be more emphasis on education. After all, a wise man makes wise investments. If we can stress education now, then when the economy swings back to the positive side for good, we may never have to face the problem of a serious numismatic recession again.

The more you educate a person, the more you whet his appetite to learn. If someone sees another person enjoying the hobby, he is motivated to learn also. And this doesn't just go for beginners, but for veteran collectors alike. I know I learn something new every time I discuss coins with someone. But, without knowledge, there can be no joy. If I learned anything in Dallas, it is to be thankful that I'm one of the lucky few who enjoys learning from his hobby.

Gabe Proctor is a high school sophomore from Georgetown, Texas. He attended the 1991 ANA Summer Conference in Colorado Springs on an ANA scholarship. Gabe recounted his experiences on February 28 to a Numismatic Theater audience at the ANA/PNG Early Spring Convention in Dallas.

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Secretary's Notes Eleanor Kennady

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 - R-5611 Dr. Jack Gregg, Coppell, TX
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Bob has been a TNA member for only 4 years, but he has stepped forward to see what he can contribute to the organization. We owe Bob a large measure of gratitude for the task he is doing. Please support him by sending your ad copy, news items, chapter and club news, coin show schedules and articles to him to be published.

The next time you see Bob, take a minute or two to tell him how much you appreciate his efforts.

Raymond E. Whyborn, President

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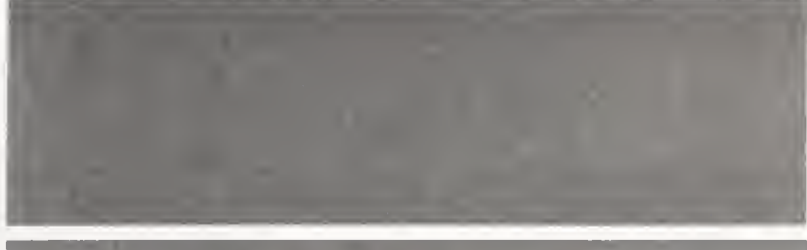
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ENCUMBERED FUNDS

ANA Jr Seminar Fund	\$1086.25	
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Life Membership C.D. Account	10000.00	
		\$11752.83

TOTAL ASSETS AS OF Mar. 31, 1992	\$21377.82
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TNA wishes to thank those of you who have paid your 1992 dues. If you have not yet paid please send your dues payment of \$15.00 to our Secretary, Eleanor H. Kennady, 2901 Silverleaf Drive, Austin, TX. 78757 - 1606. If your dues have not yet been paid you'd better do it, now, because this is the last issue of the TNA NEWS you will receive. Surely you will want to continue your TNA membership.



District Meetings

DISTRICT IV

The March meeting of the Austin Texas Coin Club featured a show-and-tell, with members bringing items they felt were of interest. Bryan Jones exhibited a copy of "The Complete U.S. Silver Dollar Encyclopedia", which was on sale at the ANA Convention in Dallas. This is a huge book with plenty of data and quality pictures. Lyman Bartee showed the new Olympic Commemorative Coin with edge lettering. He talked about the Olympic athletes who were in attendance at the U.S. Mint booth in Dallas and showed their autographs. Dick Mowrey talked about the ANA auction, reporting that many of the lots brought top dollar. Mac Kennady exhibited and gave interesting background on some old paper money from Mexican states. Larry Smulczenski told the story behind a World War II Chinese banknote where the central vignette of Confucius appears to be making an obscene gesture.

--Larry Smulczenski, club Vice President

Twenty-six members were present for the March meeting of the Capital City Coin Club. The first issue of the TNA News produced by new editor Bob Metzger was announced and displayed. Plans were also made for an information table to be manned at a local shopping mall during National Coin Week.

Jack Moir gave a very informative program on overdates and varieties. He talked about several overdates that have been recently "debunked", proven not to be what they were originally believed to have been. Jack showed some examples of these

controversial pieces from his own collection. He also distributed an excellent packet of information on his subject to all in attendance.

The meeting concluded with an auction.

--Larry Smulczenski, reporter.

DISTRICT V

Nineteen members and one guest attended the February meeting of the Dallas Coin Club. Mike Grant's program on twenty cent pieces traced the history of this denomination from its initial proposal in 1791 through its abolition in 1878. He pointed out that when production ceased in May of 1878, all pieces on hand at the mint were melted down. After the program, an auction of nineteen items netted the club \$7.81.

The club expresses their sorrow over the recent deaths of members Dr. Jack Gregg and Mr. Robert Koerth, Sr.

--Michael P. Grant, club Secretary/Treasurer

Thirteen members and one guest were in attendance at the Garland Coin Club meeting in March. The low attendance was attributed to the fact that the meeting night was "Super Tuesday". President Tim Lee reported that the club needed to sell only one more table for the upcoming show to break even. The club observed a moment of silence to reflect on the passing of immediate past vice president Dr. Jack Gregg.

Harry Chand gave a program on Greek and Roman gods and ancient coins. He passed out handouts detailing the equivalent Greek and Roman names for the gods, and passed around photos of statues of some of the gods. He also displayed ancient coin and Mardi Gras tokens depicting the gods.

The meeting concluded with an auction that netted the club \$11.30.

--Ron Blaha, club Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT VII

The Alamo Coin Club's February meetings were highlighted by a program by Rocky Rockholt on elongates and a pair of successful auctions. For his program, Rocky brought his portable elongate machine and let club members generate their own pieces at his expense. He also explained in detail the method he used to impress the First Wednesday Numismatic Study Group symbol on Mexican one peso coins. The March meetings also featured successful auctions; one item of particular interest was a check dated Jan 18, 1929 on the account of B. Max Mehl, Numismatist.

--club newsletter, The Golddigger

Twenty-one members and several visitors attended the March 5 meeting of the Gateway Coin Club. The meeting included a business meeting and numismatic auction. At the March 19 meeting, fifteen members and a visitor were treated to a program on Australian coinage by Ed Witt. His program was complemented with photos, coins, paper currency, proof sets and anecdotes.

--club newsletter, The Gatepost

DISTRICT XI

The March meeting of the Golden Spread Coin Club saw a number of members participate in a show-and-tell presentation on the Civil War. For National Coin Week, the club is encouraging members to set up exhibits in banks, libraries, and other public places. Display cases can be checked out from the club for placement of exhibits.

Featured member in the March club newsletter was Mr. R. J. (Russell) Hansen.

--club newsletter

HELP WANTED !!

Your Association is in dire need of a Secretary! As some of you know, our former Secretary resigned on December 31. Eleanor Kennady was kind enough to come out of retirement earlier this year and has volunteered to process the annual dues payments and tend to some necessary membership matters. She has agreed to handle these administrative tasks only until the convention in April and she is serving without remuneration at her request.

Being the Secretary of a 1000 member organization is no easy task, but it is a very important and necessary one if we are to continue as an organization. The Board of Directors has authorized a \$150 monthly stipend for that office holder.

A Secretary is URGENTLY needed to fill the unexpired term which will be vacant until our April, 1993 Convention.

Male or female, young or old, if you have any secretarial skills, talent or experience and are willing to serve your Association, now is the time to step forward. You are urgently needed to take minutes at the Board of Directors and General Membership meetings on April 25 and 26 and to serve as Association Secretary after the convention. If you step forward now, you will have the opportunity to work with Eleanor during the convention, which will ease your transition immensely. Please contact me at (817) 888-5156 if you are interested or are willing to help your organization in its time of need.

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